

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by
5 changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 128/20)

7 Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local
8 authority participation.

9 (a) During each academic year, schools must conduct a
10 minimum of 3 school evacuation drills to address and prepare
11 students and school personnel for fire incidents. These drills
12 must meet all of the following criteria:

13 (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills shall require
14 the participation of the appropriate local fire department
15 or district.

16 (A) Each local fire department or fire district
17 must contact the appropriate school administrator or
18 his or her designee no later than September 1 of each
19 year in order to arrange for the participation of the
20 department or district in the school evacuation drill.

21 (B) Each school administrator or his or her
22 designee must contact the responding local fire
23 official no later than September 15 of each year and

1 propose to the local fire official 4 dates within the
2 month of October, during at least 2 different weeks of
3 October, on which the drill shall occur. The fire
4 official may choose any of the 4 available dates, and
5 if he or she does so, the drill shall occur on that
6 date.

7 (C) The school administrator or his or her designee
8 and the local fire official may also, by mutual
9 agreement, set any other date for the drill, including
10 a date outside of the month of October.

11 (D) If the fire official does not select one of the
12 4 offered dates in October or set another date by
13 mutual agreement, the requirement that the school
14 include the local fire service in one of its mandatory
15 school evacuation drills shall be waived. Schools,
16 however, shall continue to be strongly encouraged to
17 include the fire service in a school evacuation drill
18 at a mutually agreed-upon time.

19 (E) Upon the participation of the local fire
20 service, the appropriate local fire official shall
21 certify that the school evacuation drill was
22 conducted.

23 (F) When scheduling the school evacuation drill,
24 the school administrator or his or her designee and the
25 local fire department or fire district may, by mutual
26 agreement on or before September 14, choose to waive

1 the provisions of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of
2 this paragraph (1).

3 Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents
4 may involve the participation of the appropriate local fire
5 department or district.

6 (2) Schools may conduct additional school evacuation
7 drills to account for other evacuation incidents,
8 including without limitation suspicious items or bomb
9 threats.

10 (3) All drills shall be conducted at each school
11 building that houses school children.

12 (b) During each academic year, schools must conduct a
13 minimum of one bus evacuation drill. This drill shall be
14 accounted for in the curriculum in all public schools and in
15 all other educational institutions in this State that are
16 supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds
17 and that provide instruction in any of the grades kindergarten
18 through 12. This curriculum shall include instruction in safe
19 bus riding practices for all students. Schools may conduct
20 additional bus evacuation drills. All drills shall be conducted
21 at each school building that houses school children.

22 (c) During each academic year, schools must ~~may~~ conduct a
23 minimum of one ~~strongly encouraged~~ law enforcement drill ~~drills~~
24 to address and prepare students and school personnel for
25 incidents, including without limitation reverse evacuations,
26 lock-downs, shootings, bomb threats, or hazardous materials

1 incidents.

2 (1) ~~A If conducted,~~ a law enforcement drill must meet
3 all of the following criteria:

4 (A) During each calendar year, the appropriate
5 local law enforcement agency shall contact the
6 appropriate school administrator to request to
7 participate in a law enforcement drill and may actively
8 participate on-site in a drill.

9 (B) Upon the participation of a local law
10 enforcement agency in a law enforcement drill, the
11 appropriate local law enforcement official shall
12 certify that the law enforcement drill was conducted.

13 (2) Schools may conduct additional law enforcement
14 drills at their discretion.

15 (3) All drills shall be conducted at each school
16 building that houses school children.

17 (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a
18 minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to
19 address and prepare students and school personnel for possible
20 tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather and
21 shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,
22 including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous
23 materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school
24 building that houses school children.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-600, eff. 8-16-05.)

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
2 Section 8.32 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.32 new)

4 Sec. 8.32. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
5 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
6 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
7 the 95th General Assembly.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2008.